

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

MURDOCH SECURITY & INVESTIGATIONS,  
INC., ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, AND WILLIAM  
VASSELL,

Defendants.

Case No. 11-cv-7076 (JGK)

**DECLARATION OF JUDE P. DAMASCO IN SUPPORT OF FEE REQUEST**

I, Jude P. Damasco, am over eighteen years of age and state the following facts which I know of my own personal knowledge.

1. I am a managing partner of Miller Kaplan Arase LLP ("MKA") which acquired Damasco & Associates LLP ("Damasco"). MKA's northern California office is located at Two Embarcadero Center, Suite 2280, San Francisco, CA 94111. I am a certified public accountant.

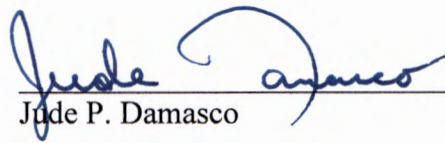
2. Damasco, now MKA, was appointed as Tax Administrator for the SEC v Murdoch Distribution Fund ("Fund") in the Order to Appoint Tax Administrator, Case No. 1:11-cv-07076-JGK, filed on July 17, 2014.

3. Pursuant to our engagement agreement with the SEC, attached is a true and correct copy of our invoice for tax compliance services performed on behalf of the Fund.

4. Please authorize the Court appointed Distribution Agent, Kurtzman Carson

Consultants LLC, to remit payment in the amount of \$2,534.35 to MKA according to the instructions listed on the attached invoice.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 8, 2019, in Hailey, Idaho.



Jude P. Damasco

**MKA** MILLER KAPLAN ARASE LLP  
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS SINCE 1941  
 4123 Lankershim Boulevard North Hollywood, California 91602

**Michael Lim**  
 SEC v Murdoch Distribution Fund  
 U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission  
 Office of Distributions Div of Enforcemnt  
 100 F Street, N.E., Mail Stop 5631  
 Washington, DC 20549-5631

Invoice: 513526  
 ID: 3094950  
 Date: 02/07/2019  
 Due Date: 03/09/2019

SEC E.A. reference: NY-08566-B  
 SEC/DC Case Number: 1:11-cv-07076-JGK  
 Responsible Party for Payment: Distribution Fund  
 Tax Administrator Appointment Date: 07/17/2014

For professional services rendered as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>SEC DISCOUNT RATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	<b>Preparation and filing of the 2018 Qualified Settlement Fund Income Tax Return.</b>				1,800.00
	<b>SEC QSF Additional Services - Consolidated Fund Accounting Report</b>				
04/26/2018	Review  Review KCC 04/10/2018 Funds Analysis report, compare it to our records and email detailed message to Karen of KCC re areas of Analysis in need of adjustments and to provide a list of tasks that must be completed to close QSF, et al.	KM	100.000	1.00	100.00
	<b>SEC QSF Additional Services - Tax Reserve</b>				
08/22/2018	Obtain Information for Analysis/Calculations  Review emails from M. Lim & J. Ambrogi re tax reserve needed for residual distribution, research file documentation and send them a detailed reply.	KM	100.000	0.50	50.00
09/07/2018	Preparation  Gather information relevant to preparing an updated tax reserve & prepare report for JPD's use in determining whether or not a tax reserve is necessary for residual distribution.	KM	100.000	0.50	50.00
	<b>SEC QSF Additional Services - Distribution Consulting</b>				
11/07/2018	Obtain Information for Analysis/Calculations  Review ECF emails providing copies of DE 88 & 89 Motion re Residual Distribution, process documents, cull information relevant to the compliance obligations of the QSF and document file re findings, et al.	KM	100.000	0.50	50.00
12/10/2018	Review  Review final tranche distribution letter.	NAS	320.000	1.00	320.00

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12/10/2018	Discussions/Meetings	KM	108.000	0.40	43.20
	Review emails re KCC/Gilardi request for review of tax statement in preparation for residual distribution, research status of pending payments by DF Vassell and reply to internal email re same.				
SEC QSF Additional Services - Statement to Eligible Investors					
12/10/2018	Discussions/Meetings	QAD	240.000	0.50	120.00
	Reviewed draft paystub tax letter for the residual (last) distribution per Dan Marotto's request.				
		Total for Services			2,533.20
Charges					
General Consulting Services - General Consulting					
02/04/2019	Delivery Charge		0.000		1.15
	2018 Fed Tax Return - delivery charge.				
		Total for Charges			1.15
		Invoice Total			\$2,534.35

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT VIA WIRE TRANSFER OR CHECK  
 ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:  
 WIRE FUNDS TO:

CITY NATIONAL BANK  
 400 N. ROXBURY DRIVE, 5TH FLOOR  
 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210  
 ABA NUMBER 122016066 SWIFT CODE CINAUS6L  
 BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT NUMBER 113-238313  
 BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT NAME: MILLER KAPLAN ARASE LLP

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

MILLER KAPLAN ARASE LLP  
 4123 LANKERSHIM BOULEVARD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91602

<u>02/07/2019</u>	<u>01/31/2019</u>	<u>12/31/2018</u>	<u>11/30/2018</u>	<u>10/31/2018+</u>	<u>Total</u>
2,534.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>\$2,534.35</b>

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